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SUBJECT: SANKEI SURVEY ON FUTURE OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. DAILY "SANKEI" FOR 3/29 REPORTED ON ITS 3/25 PHONE SURVEY REACHING 992 PERSONS AGED 15-64 IN TOKYO AND OSAKA METROPOLITAN AREAS CONCERNING FUTURE OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS. ABOUT THREE FOURTHS OF RESPONDENTS CONSIDERED CARTER-FUKUDA TALKS SIGNIFICANT, BUT SAME RATIO FORESEE NO PARTICULAR CHANGOS IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS HEREAFTER. HALF ALSO THOUGHT US-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS WILL NOT CHANGE, BUT ONE THIRD EXPECTED WORSENING, WHICH SANKEI POLLSTERS ATTRIBUTED TO RECENT NEWS OF U.S. MOVES TO LIMIT IMPORTS FROM JAAN. FINAL THREE QUESTIONS ON U.S. FORCES IN AREA FOUND ROUGHLY 40 PERCENT EACH THINKING THAT U.S. FORCES IN EAST ASIA PLAY PEACE-PRESERVING ROLE OR RAISE TENSIONS, 60 PERCENT BELIEVE GRADUAL U.S. GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL FROM ROK WILL HAVE ALMOST NO EFFECT ON JAPANESE SECURITY, AND LIKE RATIO SEES NO NEED TO BOLSTER JAPANESE DEFENSIVE POWER IF U.S. FORCES LEAVE KOREA.

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2. DETAILS OF SURVEY:

Q.1 PM FUKUDA RECENTLY VISITED AMERICA AND CONSULTED FOR FIRST TIME WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. DO YOU SEE THIS MEETING AS SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT OR SOMETHIN NOT SIGNIFICANT?

SIGNIFICANT 72

NOT SIGNIFICANT 12

DK 16

Q.2 WITH CARTER AS PRESIDENT, HOW DO YOU THINK RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA WILL EVOLVE HEREAFTER?

BECOME BETTER	13
BECOME WORSE	4
NOT CHANGE	75
DON'T KNOW	8

Q.3 THEN, HOW DO YOU THINK TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA WILL GO FOR JAPAN?

BECOME BETTER	7
BECOME WORSE	33
NOT CHANGE	52
DON'T KNOW	8

Q.4 DO YOU THINK THAT THE U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN SUCH AREAS OF THE FAR EAST AS JAPAN OR KOREA HELP PRESERVE PEACE FOR JAPAN AND ASIA, OR THAT INSTEAD THEY RAISE TENSIONS?

PRESERVE PEACE	37
RAISING TENSIONS	43
DON'T KNOW	20

Q.5 IT IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY TO WITHDRAW THE U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM ROK LITTLE BY LITTLE. WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK THIS WILL HAVE IN TERMS OF PROTECTING JAPAN'S SECURITY AND PEACE?

WILL HAVE GOOD EFFECT	13
WILL HAVE BAD EFFECT	16
WILL HAVE ALMOST NO EFFECT	60
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DON'T KNOW 11

Q.6 DO YOU THINK THAT, SHOULD U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA LEAVE, JAPAN WOULD HAVE TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSIVE POWER MORE THAN NOW, OR THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY?

NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN	28
NOT NECESSARY TO DO SO	59
DON'T KNOW	13
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